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[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II—PRIVILEGE MATTER REGARDING PICKETING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received notice of a motion under Rule 184 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules from Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer for permission to raise a matter of privilege regarding—

" The disrespect, contempt and breach of privilege of this House committed by the members of the Madras Communist Party led by—

(1) Sri Manali Kandasami;
(2) Sri K. Gajapathi;
(3) Sri K. Murugesan;
(4) Sri P. Karuppannan;
(5) Sri G. Krishnan; and
(6) Sri M. Kalyanasundaram, M.L.A.

on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 1961 by picketing before the Assembly and causing obstruction, molestation, annoyance and intimidation to the members of the Assembly including some of the Hon. Ministers by preventing them from entering the premises of the Assembly and carrying on their legitimate duties [while the Legislative Assembly was in session considering the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Bill, 1960] with the intention of intimidating the Members and compelling them to declare themselves in favour of the amendments moved by the members of the Communist Party in the Assembly to the provisions of the Bill."

This is an important matter and I have not yet come to a decision whether to allow it or not. It will be taken up to-morrow.

III.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on the 26th September 1961 approved the following further programme of business :—

27th September 1961 (Wednesday).	..	1. Clause-by-clause consideration of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No, 8 of 1960).
		2. The Madras Local Authorities Finance Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1961).
		3. The Madras Estates (Supplementary) Amendment Bill, 1961.
28th September 1961 (Thursday)	..	1. The Madras Forest (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1961).
		2. The Madras City Police (Amendment) Bill, 1961.
		3. The Madras State-Aid to Industries (Second Amendment) Bill, 1961.
		4. The Madras Industries Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 41 of 1961).
		5. The Madras Catering Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 40 of 1961).

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28th September 1961 .. (Thursday)—*cont.*	6. Clause-by-clause consideration of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Bill. 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1960) and third reading of the Bill.
29th September 1961 .. (Friday)	1. Clause-by-clause consideration of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land (Bill, 1960) (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1960) and third reading of the Bill.
	2. Other Official Bills, if any.

The House will adjourn on the 29th September 1961 and meet again on the 9th November 1961.

9th November 1961 10th November 1961	Discussion on the Third Five-Year Plan.

Programme of business of the House after 10th November 1961 will be announced later.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION—TRANSACTION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON A NON-OFFICIAL DAY.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move—

" That Rule 23 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 28th September 1961."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

" That Rule 23 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 28th September 1961."

The motion was put and carried.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

THE MADRAS LAND REFORMS (FIXATION OF CEILING OF LAND) BILL 1960, (L.A. BILL NO. 8 OF 1960) AS AMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—*cont.*

CHAPTER VIII.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move the following amendments :—

" In Chapter VIII for the heading ' General provisions regarding tenancies " and clauses 59 to 69 *substitute* the following heading " Cultivating Tenants' Ceiling Area " and the proposed clauses 59 to 72."

59. *Provisions of this Chapter to remain in force for a period of three years.*—The provisions of this Chapter shall remain in force a period of three years from the date of the publication of this Act.

60. *Definition of cultivating tenant's ceiling area.*—In this Chapter, ' cultivating tenant's ceiling area ' means 5 standard acres held by any person partly as cultivating tenant and partly as owner or wholly as cultivating tenant.

61. *Person holding land as cultivating tenant to furnish return in certain cases.*—(1) Every cultivating tenant who holds on the notified date land in excess of the cultivating tenant's ceiling